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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9943

INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT INVITED VISIT INDIA

1. PRESS AUG 9 REPORTS RECEIPT BY PRESIDENT STEVENS OF INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT GIRI AND PRIMIN MRS. GHANDI TO VISIT INDIA. INVITATION DELIVERED AUG 8 BY INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BIRKAM SHAH (RESIDENT ACCRA). NO DATE FOR VISIT ANNOUNCED.

2. DURING BRIEF VISIT FREETOWN, BIRKAM SHAH TOLD BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WATT THAT PROPOSED VISIT ORIGINATED FROM REQUEST SENT TO NEW DELHI BY STEVENS WHILE RECENTLY IN ROME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT INDIA IN OCTOBER. BIRKAM SHAH'S VISIT FREETOWN WAS FOR PURPOSE TELLING STEVENS GOI WOULD WELCOME VISIT AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME. ACCORDING BIRKAM SHAH, STEVENS SAID HE NO LONGER ABLE TRAVEL IN OCTOBER BECAUSE INVESTIGATION INTO CIRCUMSTANCES OF JULY 30 BOMBING OF FINANCE MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AND ANTICIPATED SUBSEQUENT TRIALS EXPECTED BE RATHER DRAWN OUT. TENTATIVE PLANNING NOW IS FOR VISIT IN MARCH 1975.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNCERTAIN WHY STEVENS INITIATED REQUEST FOR INVITAION TO INDIA OR WHERE ELSE HE MIGHT
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WISH TRAVEL AT SAME TIME. STEVENS APPEARS, HOWEVER, TO

BE FURTHER SHARPENING HIS TASTE FOR TRAVEL AND STATE
VISITS AND PROPOSED VISIT TO NEW DELHI MAY BE SIMPLY
DESIGNED SATISFY THAT APPETITE.
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